Courses offered at NIOH, Kolkata

2731. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the academic and vocational courses available at the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Kolkata;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to encourage the out-reach programme of the institute;

(c) the extent to which Government have decided to support the present activities of the institute, Kolkata to reach more handicapped people;

(d) whether there is also a plan to set up some branches of the institute all over the country; and

(e) the steps proposed to widen the base of its activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The details of academic and vocational courses are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) to (e) Apart from Headquarters, the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped has Regional Centres at Dehradun in Uttaranchal and Aizwal in Mizoram. Being a National Institute in the field of locomotor disabilities, basic objective of the institute is Human Resource Development in the field of rehabilitation of disabled, research and development and development of service modules. NIOH at present, is seeking to achieve these objectives. However, there is no proposal to set up new regional centres.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of the Courses	Duration
1.	Diplomat National Board (PMR)	2 years
2.	Post Graduate Diploma in Disability Rehabilition & Management (PGDDRM)	1 year
3.	Bechelor of Physiotherapy (BPT)	4 1/2 years
4.	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT)	4 1/2 years
5.	Bachelor of Prosthetic & Orthotics (BPO)	4 1/2 years

Sl.No.	Name of the courses	Duration
6.	Diploma in MRW Course	1 1/2 years
7.	Diploma in Tool & Die Making	4 years
8.	Diploma in CAD/CAM	1 year
9.	Certificate in Prosthetic & Orthotics	1 year
10.	Diploma in Rehabilitation Therapy	2 1/2 years
11.	Master in Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy & Prosthetics and Orthotics	2 years
12.	Training Programme for student of St. John Ambulance Association	3 months

Education for handicapped children

2732. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hardships faced by handicapped children in getting education even under the Universal Education Scheme 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' due to their special requirements;

(b) the steps Government propose to take for giving proper education to the handicapped children; and

(c) whether Government would set up at least one school in every district to take special care of the needs of such children for pursuing their education without any hurdle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No such report has been received.

(b) and (c) The following schemes are under implementation for providing education to the children with disabilities:-

(i) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has a goal of eight years of elementary schooling to all children including children with disabilities in the age group of 6-14 years by 2010. The thrust in the programme is on providing integrated and inclusive education to the children with special needs in general schools. The